



## Missouri March 1 Hog Inventory



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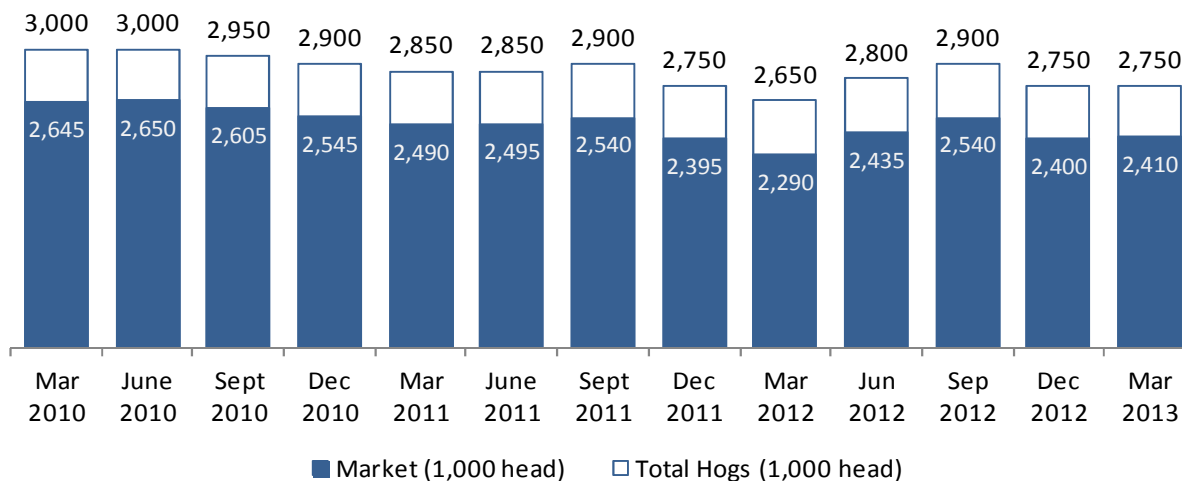
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### Missouri Hog and Pig Inventory at 2.75 Million

(COLUMBIA, Mo.) - The March 1, 2013 inventory of **Missouri hogs and pigs** is estimated at 2.75 million head according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is unchanged from December of 2012 but is 100,000 above last year's March inventory. **Breeding hogs** are estimated at 340,000 head, 20,000 less than one year ago. **Market hogs** are estimated at 2.41 million head five percent above last year.

### Quarterly Missouri Hog Inventory



The **December– February pig crop** is estimated at 1.915 million head, the same level as last quarter and just slightly below last year's estimated December– February **pig crop**. **Farrowings**, at 185,000 sows, is unchanged from last quarter and from a year ago. **Pigs saved per litter** is at 10.4, identical to the rate from the same quarter last year.

Missouri hog producers **intend to farrow** 185,000 sows during March– May, the same as the number that were actually farrowed during the same period a year earlier. During June–August, hog producers expect to farrow 185,000 sows, 5,000 sows less than actual farrowings during the same period a year earlier.

**Missouri March Inventory 2011-2013**  
**Sows Farrowing, Pig Crop, Inventory, and Pigs per Litter**

	2011	2012	2013	Percent of Previous Year
Hogs & pigs kept for breeding	360,000	360,000	340,000	94
Hogs & pigs for market	2,490,000	2,290,000	2,410,000	105
<i>Under 50 pounds</i>	<i>1,080,000</i>	<i>1,000,000</i>	<i>1,070,000</i>	107
<i>50-119 pounds</i>	<i>580,000</i>	<i>530,000</i>	<i>535,000</i>	101
<i>120-179 pounds</i>	<i>410,000</i>	<i>370,000</i>	<i>395,000</i>	107
<i>180 pounds and over</i>	<i>420,000</i>	<i>390,000</i>	<i>410,000</i>	105
<b>Hogs and pigs total</b>	<b>2,850,000</b>	<b>2,650,000</b>	<b>2,750,000</b>	<b>104</b>
Pig crop	1,768,000	1,924,000	1,915,000	100
Pigs per litter	10.1	10.4	10.4	100

**United States Highlights:** **United States inventory** of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2013 was 65.9 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2012, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2012.

**Breeding inventory**, at 5.83 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

**Market hog inventory**, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

**The June-August 2012 pig crop**, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2012. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from 2012. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.08 for the December-February period, compared to 9.97 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**United States hog producers** intend to have 2.96 million sows farrow during the March-May 2013 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2012, but up 1 percent from 2011. Intended farrowings for June-August 2013, at 2.91 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2012, and down 1 percent from 2011. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

*A random sample of roughly 7,500 United States producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all hog and pig producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large operations were sampled more heavily than small operations. During the first half of March 2013, data were collected from about 5,850 operations, 78 percent of the total sample. The data collected were received by electronic data reporting (EDR), mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operations responded, they were asked to report inventories as of March 1, 2013.*